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Hathaway shows off her guitar skills

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Health insurers backing big tobacco: Letter

INVESTMENTS Canadian and U.S. health insurance companies — including Toronto's Sun Life Financial Inc. — have more than \$3 billion US invested in the tobacco industry, a letter published today in the New England Journal of Medicine charges.

The letter says research shows Sun Life, which markets life and health insurance in Canada, has more than \$1 billion invested in tobacco firms.

In an email response to TorStar, a senior Sun Life official called the information cited in the journal "categorically incorrect" and said the company's "exposure to 'tobacco' stocks" was less than 0.005 per cent of an investment portfolio worth "well over" \$100 billion.

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Rally Tamils want Sri Lankans held accountable



A young Tamil leads the call for the Canadian government to hold Sri Lankan authorities accountable for what they are calling war crimes and ethnic cleansing of the Tamil population in Sri Lanka. Story, pg 2

More rest for bus drivers

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TRANSIT OC Transpo bus drivers are finally subject to the same work-rest rules as their colleagues in the rest of the country.

Yesterday, federal Transport Minister John Baird announced rules governing work-rest hours will soon be in place for transit operations under federal jurisdiction.

For over two decades, public transit services operating in Ottawa, Gatineau and Windsor had been exempt from the rules.

"These changes will make it safer for everyone involved, from transit passengers to motorists, and pedestrians," said Baird. "This will greatly reduce the risk of driver fatigue-related incidents and collisions."

The new regulations would limit drivers to 14 hours of work per day with at least eight hours between shifts.

The number of hours that bus drivers are eligible to work consecutively and the length of time between shifts were two of the main stumbling blocks in negotiations during the city's 53-day strike earlier this year.

OC Transpo has six months to introduce the changes after the regulations are published June 10.

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- Stylish bicyclists and celebrating Franco Ontariens, pg 2
- Free bike helmets for school kids, pg 4

Harper refuses Raitt's resignation

Cabinet minister keeps her job despite lost documents

Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused the resignation of Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt yesterday after a binder containing confidential nuclear documents was left in a television studio.

The documents were left in a CTV studio after a visit by Raitt and at least one other official. CTV said it had kept the documents for six days to see if anybody would try to retrieve them, and no one did.

"This is a serious matter.

Clear procedures were not followed in this case. Corrective action has been taken," Raitt told Parliament in a question period dominated by the issue.

"I offered to resign if the prime minister felt it necessary. He did not accept it. The person responsible for handling the documents offered their resignation, and I did accept it."

Government officials

would not name the political attache who had accompanied Raitt to the television studio.

The opposition said the incident showed incompetence on the part of the minority Conservative government, already under fire for its handling of the economic crisis.

"The issue here is an issue of competence, and not just competence in relation

to this minister, but competence in relation to the whole government," said Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff.

A Liberal colleague was heard muttering, during the exchange between Ignatieff and Raitt, that the government was making a scapegoat of the political aide.

Ignatieff said Tuesday he would likely decide next week whether to try to bring down the Tory government.

REUTERS



Lisa Raitt



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Ottawa police are investigating an attempted robbery at an Esso gas station on Merivale Road at Viewmount Avenue at 11 p.m. Tuesday. Police said a man entered the gas station and demanded cash claiming that he had a gun, but left empty-handed. **METRO OTTAWA**

Local

Police seek man's identity

Ottawa police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a male after a TD Canada Trust Bank on Innes Road was robbed May 29. Police are seeking a black male in his early 20s, five feet, four-to-eight inches tall with short hair, a medium build, clean shaven with possible faint moustache. Anyone with information is asked to call the Ottawa police robbery unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS). **METRO OTTAWA**

Tragedy continues: Tamils

Thousands rally for war crimes process against Sri Lankans

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Rabichanbra Karupuchamy's uncle and aunt both died during the final weeks of the civil war in Sri Lanka.

They were both civilians. The last Karupuchamy heard about their grandson, a young child, is that he is in a hospital somewhere in Sri Lanka, but that was four or five months ago.

"I heard from people who

are friends with my family. They told me about my family's situation," he said.

The civil war in Sri Lanka may be over, but Karupuchamy and the thousands of Tamil supporters who gathered on Parliament Hill yesterday in the human tragedy continues.

"Our people are still in the iron clutches of the government," said Pon Balaraman, chairman of the Coalition to Stop the War in Sri Lanka. "There are 300,000

civilians in a big camp where there is not enough water ... it's more like a concentration camp."

Balarajan said the camp is a massacre waiting to happen unless countries like Canada take action to demand that the United Nations take responsibility for the Tamils in the camp.

Balarajan said the Sri Lankan government is not allowing any non-governmental organization or the international media into the conflict zones.

He said they are concerned that a lot of evidence of war crimes committed during the fighting will disappear.

The Tamils are demanding the Canadian government take steps to bring Sri Lankan authorities responsible for war crimes to the International War Crimes Tribunal.

The RCMP is estimating that 3,500 people attended yesterday's peaceful rally, which was much less than they anticipated.



Festival Franco Ontarien's Thomas Peltier, Lana Pacheco and Morgane Richard, centre to right, spread the word about the 34th annual festival in the ByWard Market yesterday.

Franco Ontarien fest expands to four days

Sunny Side

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In its 34th year, the Festival Franco Ontarien is not only expanding, it's returning to its ByWard Market roots.

The festival, which began in the ByWard Market, will expand from its Festival Plaza site to feature activities in the market this year, said Melany Gauvin, director of communications for the festival.

While the featured concerts, children's activities and the ferris wheel will remain at Festival Plaza, free activities, including performances by buskers and other street performances, will be located in the ByWard Market.

"There is such a buzz here that it's natural for us to come to the market," said Gauvin. "It's got a very European feel."

Held from June 11 to 14, this year's festival has expanded from three to four days, said Gauvin.

In its third year, the annual Grand Parade is expected to draw thousands of spectators on June 13.

On the main stage, performers include Big Nazo,

an international troupe of marionettes; Les JAAC barbershop quartet; percussion troupe Theatre a Tempo and circus show LaboKracBOOM. Musicians include Lost Fingers, Claude Dubois, the Porn Flakes and reggae legend Alpha Blondy.

Between 40,000 and 45,000 people are expected to attend the festival.

Carleton to honour nine with degrees

CONTRIBUTIONS CTV news anchor Max Keeping and former governor general of Canada Adrienne Clarkson are heading back to school. Keeping and Clarkson are two of nine people receiving honorary degrees from Carleton University in recognition of outstanding contributions.

Others receiving degrees are: IBM Canada president Dan Fortin, Rick Hansen, former UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa Stephen Lewis, former NDP leader Ed Broadbent, Western Union president and CEO Christina A. Gold, Hilary Pearson, president of Philanthropic Foundations Canada and Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada past president Norman Barwin.

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FlareFashion

Lisa Tant

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Runway overtakes the bike lane

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Not many people do it, but it's possible to commute to work on a bicycle year round. You just have to be dressed for it.

"It is a really viable alternative," said city spokesman Michael Fitzpatrick, who biked to work every day last winter.

Yesterday, in recognition of Clean Air Day in Ottawa, residents got a glimpse of what the cool urban cyclists could be wearing this summer at the Vélo Vogue fashion show.

Only 1.7 per cent of Ottawa residents ride their bicycles to work on a good day, but Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet insists that with proper investment in cycling infrastructure, that number could change to 27 per cent.

"It takes public investment in bicycle lanes, bridges and signage," said Doucet. "We need to create a city where hopping on a bicycle is as easy as hopping in a car. We need many more bike lanes."

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Marlene Barre models clothes for the urban cyclist at the Vélo Vogue fashion show held yesterday at city hall to mark Clean Air Day in Ottawa.

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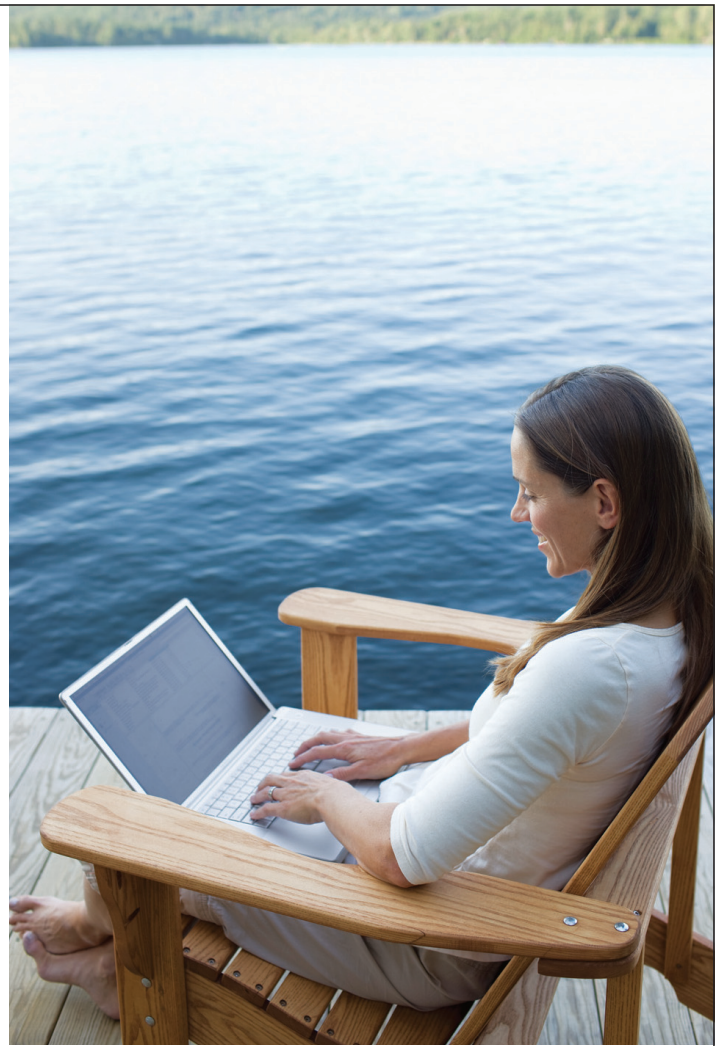
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Brain the star at symposium
UOttawa's Faculty of Medicine hosted the 50th annual Gairdner Symposium yesterday. The lectures highlighted brain and mind research. **METRO OTTAWA**

Bay 'best' for boats

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Deemed by organizers and paddlers as one of the "best" dragon boat festival sites in Canada, Mooney's Bay will play host to more than 70,000 people as the Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival kicks off later this month.

The first load of dragon boats arrived at Mooney's Bay yesterday, signalling to racers, volunteers and organizers that the festival, held from June 19-21, is about to begin.

More than 70,000 people, including 5,000 racers rowing on 190 teams and 65,000 spectators are expected to attend, said John Brooman, executive director of the Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival and the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation.

Mooney's Bay is the ideal site for the event, said festival logistics manager Mark Morrison.

Through speaking with participants, Morrison has heard the site is a great venue. There's lots of room for spectators, and Mooney's Bay is unique in that there's a beach where attendees can spend their time.

"It's one of the best locations in Canada," he said.



Volunteers with the Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival helped unload the first load of dragon boats at Mooney's Bay yesterday.

The Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival began in 1993 with about 50 participants and has been growing since, said Brooman.

From participants to sponsors to volunteers — the event requires over 450, volunteer co-ordinator Leah Barton said — the Ottawa community has embraced the event, said Brooman.

The festival — the largest in North America — draws everyone from highly competitive paddlers coming

from as far as the U.S., Toronto and Montreal, but also brings out local first-time teams, Brooman said.

The event infuses millions of dollars into the economy, but perhaps more importantly, the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation — which is separate from the festival — is expected to raise \$300,000 for local charities this year.

For people who won't be paddling, lots of entertainment is planned on site.

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Helmet head

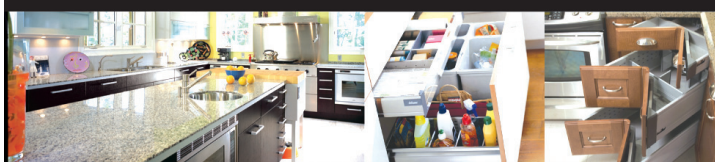
Three hundred bicycle helmets will be distributed to Ottawa elementary students through the Helmets on Kids Initiative this week and next. The hel-

metts were donated by a group of lawyers and law firms through the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association's program. Working with several Ottawa groups, local lawyers and law firms donated \$2,500 to the Helmets on

Kids campaign, allowing for the purchase about 300 helmets for students at four area elementary schools.

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Google engineer creates map for fallen soldiers

A Google Earth engineer has included Canadians in his "map of the fallen," which allows browsers to connect a soldier's hometown to where they died. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Remembering Lindhout

Tourist killing connotes ordeal of kidnapped journalist

Few cut as glamorous a figure as the freelance journalist in a conflict zone, especially when she is a long-legged beauty.

Laptop computer, digital cameras and colourful head scarves in tow, she cinematically charms her way through police checkpoints and border crossings to report on war and humanitarian disaster.

The description fits Amanda Lindhout, Canada's forgotten hostage in Africa.

The killing yesterday of British tourist Edwin Dyer in the West African country of Mali, by an al-Qaida wing, brings her wrenching ordeal to mind.

So does the image last

Lawless nation

- No national Somali government has existed since 1991. No Western aid workers operate there. No Western news agencies dare enter. The country's chief economic activity amounts to piracy in the Gulf of Aden.

week of Lindhout begging for her life in a five-minute phone interview with Agence France-Presse in Paris.

Lindhout was 27 years old at her capture. She grew up in the Alberta tourist town of Sylvan Lake, just outside Red Deer.

On Aug. 20, 2008 she arrived with 37-year-old Aus-

tralian photographer Nigel Brennan in Mogadishu, Somalia, one of the world's most lawless places.

Three days later, on Aug. 23, Lindhout and Brennan were kidnapped by bandits 20 kilometres away at Afgoye, a shantytown for people displaced by fighting.

Their condition appears to be deteriorating.

In February, word of a failed escape attempt reached Journalists Without Borders, Ambroise Piere on the Africa desk said this week from Paris. Reports that Lindhout has since been beaten, raped and become pregnant cannot be confirmed, he said.

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Quebec City Hitting out at election buzz



Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks at the Institut National d'Optique (INO) in Quebec City, yesterday. Harper used the time in part to warn against a potential summer election brought on if the Liberals brought down the government.

News in brief

AIR TRAVEL Dubai's Emirates airline slammed "ludicrous" Canadian restrictions yesterday that limit the largest Arab carrier to just three weekly flights to the entire country.

REUTERS

PROBE The RCMP has no records to support Brian Mulroney's evidence that officers escorted him to at least one meeting where he received cash payments from Karlheinz Schreiber, the Oliphant Inquiry heard yesterday.

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Vets chide image focus

MILITARY Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen who have retired are complaining that the dirty work of war is losing ground to a force obsessed with image, political correctness and the kind of inclusiveness one might expect to find in the most corporate of corporations.

A sampling of the questionnaires that are completed by all retiring members of the military were

obtained by the Toronto Star under the Access to Information Act.

Retirees were asked why they decided to leave the military and then were presented with a number of statements about the Canadian Forces with which they could agree or disagree.

The main reason behind a soldier's decision to find new work has been family.

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WestJet Airlines Ltd. warned yesterday about a difficult second quarter as ongoing economic weakness put a damper on air travel. The airline's revenue per available seat mile, a measure to compare cost across carriers, is showing declines in the second quarter, with an expected drop of 16 per cent to 18 per cent year over year. **REUTERS**

Vancouver Pump it up



Personal trainer and body builder Linda Cusmano outside Sparatus Athletic Club on Commercial Drive in Vancouver yesterday. Cusmano, who once battled chronic bronchial asthma and anorexia, is gearing up for the B.C. Provincials body building competition next month.

Officer probed over towing kickbacks

PORT CREDIT The OPP is investigating whether a senior officer at the force's Port Credit detachment received kickbacks from tow truck drivers after motorists had their vehicles impounded, according to towing companies interviewed by police.

Sgt. Dennis Mahoney-Bruer, 49, was arrested and charged last week with

three counts of breach of trust and one count of attempting to obstruct justice following a criminal investigation.

The OPP says Mahoney-Bruer, a 12-year member of the force, allegedly used false evidence to lay charges last month against three drivers, two of whom had their cars impounded.

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School finder site will stay

The Ontario government does not plan to pull down a school-finder website that at least one Toronto educator calls "an appalling way for families to shop for schools that have 'people like us.'"

Doug Jolliffe, head of the Toronto high school teachers' union, said yesterday he is discouraged the province does not intend to scrap its controversial "school information finder" website that posts a demographic snapshot of each public school.

The profile includes the percentage of students from low-income families,

"We're getting 600 hits a day on that website ... and although the comments are mixed, people are going to it for information."

Education Minister Kathleen Wynne

the portion whose parents went to university, the percentage whose first language is not English, the percentage who qualify for special education help and the number who came recently from non-English speaking countries.

"If parents are actually picking a school on that basis, it becomes an exercise in self-streaming and you lose the mix that we

want in public education," said Jolliffe, president of the Toronto district of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF).

The OSSTF is one of 21 groups representing principals, teachers, school board officials and parents who called yesterday on the McGuinty government to take down the website until it consults with edu-

cators about what information should be included.

Education Minister Kathleen Wynne said she is sending out invitations "shortly" to the groups to a special roundtable discussion on the sensitive new website, but she does not plan to take down — in part because it is so heavily used.

"We're getting 600 hits a day on that website — a total of 28,000 hits since it began — and although the comments are mixed, people are going to it for information," Wynne said.

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McGuinty says he won't break ban for HST ads

CAMPAIGN The Liberal government will have to "carefully" structure its planned ad campaign to promote the 13 per cent harmonized sales tax, Premier Dalton McGuinty says.

In the wake of revelations yesterday that a multimedia ad blitz on the new tax is looming, the premier insisted he would not break his own law banning publicly funded partisan political advertising.

The harmonized sales tax (HST) will blend the eight per cent provincial sales tax and the five per cent federal goods and services tax. As of July 1, 2010, Ontarians will pay a blended tax of 13 per cent

Taxpayer funds

- The Liberals, who outlawed partisan ads funded by taxpayers in 2004 after previous PC governments spent \$400 million on similar campaigns, have to convince Auditor General Jim McCarter to allow the ads.

on hundreds of items that had previously been subject to only the GST. That move will boost the price of items such as gasoline, heating fuel, fast food, newspapers, taxi fares, dry cleaning and new homes costing more than \$400,000, among other things.

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Hillier suggests time limit on welfare

MARKHAM Ontario needs limits on how long people can collect welfare to stop families staying on it for "generations," says Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Randy Hillier.

"There are people who are satisfied with that lifestyle," the first-term MPP for Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington said yesterday as he and three rivals campaigned for the June 27 vote at a

convention in Markham.

The problem has been there are not enough "expectations" that people get off social assistance, which should be a temporary aid, Hillier said.

A welfare cut-off point, which is in place in some U.S. states, is not part of Hillier's platform in the race to replace John Tory, as party leader, and Hillier said he has not decided when benefits should be cut off.

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News in brief

OIL Suncor Energy Inc.'s acquisition of Petro-Canada will create a company with enough heft to keep a lid on oilsands costs and check inflation. Shareholders of both compa-

nies are set to vote today on Suncor's offer of 1.28 shares for each Petro-Canada share. The value of that offer has climbed 20 per cent to \$22.18 billion.

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Common pill may give powerful boost

A common diabetes pill may help trick the body into making more powerful immune system cells that could help make vaccines and cancer treatments work better, U.S. and Canadian researchers said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Judge slams search of Harkat's home

A federal judge has blasted a heavy-handed search by border enforcement agents of Mohamed Harkat's home less than three weeks before the government's case into deporting the alleged terror suspect was to be heard.

"I just find the exercise went really far. Dogs? Explosives? Guns? ... I just found the whole thing

blew up. It appears out of proportion," Justice Simon Noel told a federal lawyer.

Although Noel reserved decision on the ultimate legality of the May 12 search by the Canada Border Services Agency and what should now happen with 12 boxes of seized documents and tapes, he vented his concerns in open court, one day after he questioned CSIS spell out actions in the

"I just find the exercise went really far. Dogs? Explosives? Guns? ... I just found the whole thing blew up."

Justice Simon Noel

same case.

The judge incredulously questioned a border official who had just finished defending the agency's actions.

"Weren't you concerned

about going in with 16 officers and three dogs that you were extremely intrusive and it wasn't necessary to be as intrusive as this?" the judge asked the team's supervisor, Jasmine

Richard. "It's a small army coming in."

Richard and another witness admitted the searchers intended to turn over any intelligence or information to analysts preparing a "risk assessment" on Harkat for the upcoming effort to deport him.

Security certificates — deportation orders issued under immigration law

against persons deemed to be national security threats — are not criminal law matters, but the judge pointed out the Supreme Court of Canada ruled they're pretty close when it ordered greater legal protections for those like Harkat. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Mint probes possible gold theft

INVESTIGATION The hunt for the gold is on. The missing gold, that is.

The world-renowned Royal Canadian Mint has called investigators to look into what could be the theft of a significant quantity of gold, silver and other precious metals.

"We're conducting a review. We've asked a third party to assist us with that and we should have the results within the next few weeks and by the end of month we'll be making them public," said mint spokeswoman Christine Aquino.

The mint won't say how much might be missing, but the outside auditors are probing a discrepancy between the value of the precious metals on the mint's books and the actual stockpile on hand at its Ottawa headquarters.

Aquino said the discrepancy could be the result of anything from a heist to sloppy record-keeping.

"We review our financial statements and we decided to conduct this review," she explained.

She said an unprecedented demand for gold in 2008 put pressure on the mint's internal control systems, which led to the "unreconciled difference" between the gold on hand and the value recorded in the mint's books.

The increase in demand was due to a 352 per cent rise in production of the mint's Gold Maple Leaf coins.

In the Commons, Liberal MP Joe Volpe said the mint's problem, coupled with the Conservative government's huge fiscal miscalculations, could undermine Canada's reputation.

"Today we learned that gold and other precious metals are unaccounted for at the Canadian mint, and yet the police have not been called in to investigate," Volpe said.

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Prejudice at the altar

Banning same-sex marriage a shame on the U.S.

Relating

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Frustration has been rainbow-coloured since the California Supreme Court ruled on Prop 8, upholding the ban on same-sex marriage in the Golden State.

The announcement, made last Tuesday, means the roughly 18,000 couples who married in the short window they were legally able — from mid-June to early November 2008 — will not be affected. Other same-sex couples who want to swap rings from here on

out, however, are SOL.

It's a little disheartening that in an era of change and renewed optimism such prejudice is still legally enforced, no?

Here in Canada, same-sex marriage was legalized province-by-province since 2003, until it was recognized nationwide two years later. It is currently legal in six other countries and is expected to be legal in six U.S. states by the end of the year.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, cyborg assassin from the future and a longtime Republican who upheld the court's decision, conceded that one day "either the people or courts will recognize gay marriage." Even former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney, another killer automaton, voiced his support.

On the web

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"I think that freedom means freedom for everyone," Cheney said at the National Press Club earlier this week, echoing statements he made in 2004. "I think people ought to be free to enter into any kind of union they wish, any kind of arrangement they wish."

Some opponents say it hinders procreation and tarnishes the sanctity of marriage, but people in "traditional" marriages aren't required to have kids and us straight folks have been ruining the sanctity of marriage for as long as marriages have existed.

Some states offer domes-

tic partnerships and civil unions — a major step in the right direction — but stopping there is akin to the "separate but equal" doctrine under the Jim Crow laws of the late 1800s and early 1900s that had blacks drinking from separate water fountains than whites.

Slavery was legal in the U.S. just 150 years ago, some women couldn't vote just 100 years ago and the reality of a black president seemed far away just two years ago. It is my belief that we will one day look back on the banning of same-sex marriage — perhaps the last legally enforced prejudice in North America — with the same humility and quiet shame.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter.



Worth mentioning

Spurned suitor offers ring in treasure hunt

A New Zealand man, spurned by the woman of his dreams, has come up with a novel way of disposing of the diamond engagement ring he bought her — a treasure hunt.

Anyone keen to pick up the ring, valued at \$3,268 US, will need to be in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington, Saturday to join the hunt, the Dominion Post newspaper reported.

"I met this girl I thought was pretty cool, bought a ring. Turns out she wasn't as keen," Anthony Gardiner, a 29-year-old call-centre worker, told the Dominion Post.

Clues to the ring's

whereabouts will start being posted on social networking site Twitter at 8 a.m. New Zealand time Saturday.

Having bought the ring in Hong Kong, he couldn't return it, and didn't want to sell it, so he hit upon the treasure hunt.

Hanging on to it in the hopes of finding a willing recipient is also not an option.

"Obviously, it's been a pretty unlucky ring for me," Gardiner said, adding he hoped it would be found by somebody who has "found a cool chick and who wants to give them something they normally wouldn't be able to afford."

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Views

What governments should be doing

InBusiness

Charles
Davies



The two previous columns in this series have talked about what government shouldn't be doing — bailing out corporate failures and becoming active participants in the private sector. But what is government's proper role in the economy?

To take a spin through Economics 101, government is there to define the ground rules of commerce through laws and regulations. It regulates economic activity by using fiscal policy (taxing and spending) and monetary policy (interest rates and other credit controls). It also

monitors and regulates Canadian international business interests by making and enforcing trade agreements.

Government rightly provides a social safety net in the form of employment insurance, public pensions and other supplements based on age and/or circumstances. In a recession, government is obliged to use its resources — our tax dollars — to help out.

It's best prepared to do this by running budget surpluses in good times, building up a reserve that can be used in hard times when it may be necessary to run a deficit. Mostly, this doesn't happen because governments tend to make economic decisions for political reasons.

One way the Harper Conservatives managed to turn a surplus into a record \$50-billion deficit

Bailout Series

(Editor's note: This is the final part of Charles Davies' series on financial bailouts.)

in a blink of Jim Flaherty's eye is they cut the GST before the recession to appeal to voters, forfeiting revenues that would be helpful right about now.

It's perfectly reasonable to spend tax dollars to provide assistance to individuals (in the form of extended benefits) and companies in general (tax measures) in a recession. Public works spending on infrastructure or research and development that benefits the economy in general is also useful.

It's also fitting that governments provide support to key industries — i.e. aerospace and forest products, to name two — so

they can compete internationally on an equal footing with foreign companies that have equivalent support from their governments. The critical distinction here is that government should not be in the business of shielding uncompetitive and/or dying companies like GM or Chrysler from market realities.

Otherwise, government is there to be the honest broker or economic referee — providing clear, fair and consistently applied business regulation and enforcement, tax policies and broad-based incentives.

In short, its job is to level the playing field so everyone — companies as well as individuals — gets a fair shake.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

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Gates encourages rich to give away wealth

Microsoft founder Bill Gates said yesterday that billionaires ought to give away most of their wealth to charitable causes, and that they would even find they enjoy it. Gates has given much of his wealth to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a philanthropic powerhouse. **REUTERS**



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Bombardier Profits shrink



Bombardier Inc.'s Laurent Beaudoin, chairman of the board of directors, and his son Pierre Beaudoin, president and CEO, speak at the firm's annual general meeting in Montreal yesterday. Bombardier said yesterday it earned \$158 million US during the first quarter ended April 30, down from profits of \$229 million a year earlier.

Trade backlash feared

'Buy Canadian' reaction may hurt Canada: MP

The Canadian government is worried that towns and cities could start introducing "Buy Canadian" policies in response to increased U.S. protectionism, Trade Minister Stockwell Day said yesterday.

A "Buy American" provision in the U.S. economic stimulus package passed by Congress in February says public works projects should use iron, steel and other goods made in the United States.

Ottawa says Canadian companies are being discriminated against by U.S. state and municipal governments on some water and sewage treatment projects funded by the bill.

Day said the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which is due to hold its annual general meeting from tomorrow to June 8, would discuss a proposal to shut out companies from nations that impose trade restrictions on Canadian firms.

Media response

- The New York Times said yesterday in its lead editorial that the "Buy American" clause was "a terrible idea" that could ultimately cost U.S. jobs.

ties, which is due to hold its annual general meeting from tomorrow to June 8, would discuss a proposal to shut out companies from nations that impose trade restrictions on Canadian firms.

"I understand that reaction. I'm also very concerned about that reaction," Day said in a speech, adding that both countries would be hurt by increased protectionism.

Canada sends about 75 per cent of all its exports to the United States and could be economically crippled by a serious wave of U.S. protectionism.

"If one country starts to build protectionist barriers that hurt businesses in another country, there will be an impulse to retaliate, and I would like to see this resolved at the executive level in the United States," Day later told reporters.

Later in the day, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in Quebec that the "Buy American" policies of certain state and local governments were "really problematic (and) is part of the increasing protectionism ... that we must avoid to ensure a global recovery."

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TD traders probed for market rumours

INVESTIGATION Toronto-Dominion Bank said yesterday that it was looking into allegations that a handful of traders improperly passed on rumours to clients about a stock, believed to be oil sands company OPTI Canada.

While TD declined to disclose any details about the investigation reported by the Globe and Mail, a spokeswoman said the company knew about the incident.

The Globe, citing sources, said an analyst at TD emailed a market rumour to the firm's sales and trading desk in New York, which then passed it to some institutional sources.

The practice has come under scrutiny as U.S. regulators crack down on gossip that causes stock gyrations.

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Office space costs drop

PROPERTY A depressed global economy that has seen commercial rents fall dramatically in most major cities has knocked perennial front-runner London out of the top spot among the most expensive places to set up an office.

But Toronto and Calgary remain in the global top 50 because Canada has been relatively healthy compared to other financial centres, according to a report by CB Richard Ellis released yesterday.

Toronto is the 46th most expensive place to rent top-quality office space, up

one spot from last year, with average rents of \$51.82 US per square foot. Calgary moved up three spots to 39th, with average costs per square foot of \$54.57.

"It's not that Calgary and Toronto did all that great; it's that other world markets have taken a bashing," said John O'Bryan, vice-chairman of CB Richard Ellis. "We took one step back but the rest of the world took five."

Former No. 1 London was knocked off this year by Tokyo.

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Japanese transport ministry officials got tips this week from professional comedians as part of training. "By experiencing comedy routines, we hope they can learn more about how to speak to clients," said Atsuya Kawada, deputy director of the ministry's personnel division. **REUTERS**

Funny business

World



British woman gets life in Laotian jail

A British woman who became pregnant while awaiting trial in Laos was sentenced yesterday to life in prison after being found guilty of drug smuggling. A court gave Samantha Orobator, left, the maximum prison term after a three-hour hearing held behind closed doors. The state-run Vientiane Times reported that Orobator impregnated herself to avoid the death penalty by secretly obtaining sperm from another prisoner. **REUTERS**

OAS lifts ban on Cuba membership

CUBA The Organization of American States lifted its suspension of Cuba yesterday, opening the door for the country to return to the regional group after 47 years. The 34-member body unanimously scrapped a 1962 decision that suspended Cuba as Fidel Castro's revolution took the island toward communism. U.S. president Barack Obama has taken steps toward a more open relationship with Cuba. Cuba has repeatedly said it has no interest in returning to the OAS, describing it as an instrument of U.S. policy in Latin America. **REUTERS**

Air France bomb not ruled out

Search crews flying over the Atlantic found debris from a crashed Air France jet spread over more than 90 kilometres of ocean yesterday, reinforcing the possibility it broke up in the air.

The first Brazilian navy ship was nearing the crash area, about 1,100 kilometres northeast of Brazil's coast, to begin the difficult task of retrieving the remains of the Airbus A330 that mysteriously fell out of the sky two days ago on its way from Rio de Janeiro to Paris.

Air force pilots searching the area have reported no signs of survivors or even

Bomb threat four days earlier

• Air France said yesterday it had received an anonymous telephone warning that a bomb was on a flight leaving Buenos Aires, Argentina, on May 27, four days before the

crash. A spokesman said the plane was checked, no bomb was found and the aircraft left an hour and a half late. He added that such alerts were relatively common.

the bodies of any of the 228 people on board. French officials said they may never discover why the plane went down as the flight data and voice recorders may be lost at the bottom of the ocean.

With officials struggling to explain how a modern aircraft could have crashed in stormy weather that is rou-

tine on the transatlantic route, speculation grew that a bomb could have caused the worst crash in Air France's 75-year history.

Officials and aviation specialists have said bad weather could be behind the disaster, but have refused to rule out other causes, including terrorism. **REUTERS**



Paris Archbishop Andre Vingt-Trois, right, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, middle, and first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy leave the Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris after a service yesterday for relatives and families of the passengers of Air France Flight 447. **REUTERS**

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Not guilty pleas in NYC bomb plot

TERROR Four men accused of trying to blow up a pair of New York synagogues and shoot down military planes pleaded not guilty yesterday to the charges in a U.S. court. Their appearance came a day after a federal grand jury indictment was unsealed, formally accusing them of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction and conspiracy to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles.

James Cromitie, David Williams and Onta Williams, who are U.S. citizens, and Laguerre Payen, a Haitian national, were also indicted for conspiring and attempting to kill officers and employees of the United States. If convicted, they could be sentenced to life in prison. **REUTERS**

Obama prepares to make case to Muslim world

U.S. president Barack Obama plans to tell Arabs and Israelis to stop saying one thing in public and another in private when he speaks to the Muslim world in Cairo today.

In an interview with the New York Times pub-



"We're just going to keep on telling the truth until it stops working – and nowhere is truth-telling more important than the Middle East."

Barack Obama

lished yesterday, Obama suggested parties to the conflict were engaged in a constant "Kabuki dance" he hoped to break down by holding up a mirror and offering U.S. help as the sides forge peace.

A key part of his message, Obama said, would be: "Stop saying one thing behind closed doors and saying something else publicly."

Many Israelis recognize a need to make tough choices on Jewish settlements, many Palestinians recog-

nize a need to stop incitement against Israel and be more constructive, and many Arab states view the threat of a nuclear Iran as greater than any threat from Israel — but none would say these things publicly, he said.

In office four months, Obama headed to the Middle East Tuesday hoping to mend ties to the Islamic world in a speech aides said would deal with tough issues such as the deadlock in U.S.-brokered Arab-Israeli peacemaking.

"We have a joke around the White House," the president said.

"We're just going to keep on telling the truth until it stops working — and nowhere is truth-telling more important than the Middle East."

The president said he hoped to persuade the Arab street and ultimately their leaders to work with the United States.

Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are at odds over a push by Obama for Israel to halt Jewish settlement expansion in the West Bank. About half a million Jews live in settlements among nearly three million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Arab East Jerusalem. **REUTERS**

Australian troops agast at food

AFGHANISTAN Australia's soldiers fighting Taliban militants in Afghanistan are up in arms, over Dutch food. A special team of Australian cooks had been rushed to Afghanistan to produce "Aussie food" after scores of soldiers complained about the Dutch-run mess at Tirin Kot military base, in Uruzgan province, parliament was told yesterday. "It's true that people have been quite strong in their views about the European food," Australia's military commander Angus Houston said. Australia, the largest non-NATO contributor in Afghanistan, agreed in April to boost troop numbers to around 1,550. **REUTERS**

Lower drinking ages linked to pregnancy complications: Report

Researchers found that in the late-1970s and 1980s, when U.S. states varied in their minimum drinking ages, there was a link between more lenient drinking ages and the risk of premature birth and low birthweight among women younger than 21. **REUTERS**

U.S. has tough words on Tiananmen

Anniversary falls in China amid tight security, Internet service block

The United States demanded yesterday that China account for those killed in the Tiananmen Square protests in rare public criticism ahead of the 20th anniversary of the government crackdown on the demonstrations.

One day before the anniversary, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also called on China to release all those still imprisoned in connection with the pro-democracy protests, to stop harassing those who took part in them and to begin a dialogue with the victims' families.

The demands, issued in a written statement from Clinton, reflect views Washington has long held but represent a tougher stance on China's human rights record than the top U.S.



French police block a demonstration by the press activist group Reporters Without Borders to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre in Paris yesterday.

diplomat had taken in her first four months in the job.

In February, Clinton disappointed many rights groups by saying that human rights issues could not "interfere with" tackling the global financial crisis,

climate change and security challenges such as North Korea's nuclear programs.

"A China that has made enormous progress economically and is emerging to take its rightful place in global leadership should ex-

amine openly the darker events of its past and provide a public accounting of those killed, detained or missing, both to learn and to heal," Clinton said in the statement.

Tanks rolled into Tianan-

Heavy presence

Chinese security forces blanketed Tiananmen Square before today's 20th anniversary of the June 4 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators, and a day after Twitter and other Internet services in China were blocked. Black police vans lurked at the side of the Forbidden City, near the square, while police and paramilitary forces patrolled through crowds of tourists.

men Square before dawn on June 4, 1989 to crush weeks of student and worker protests. The ruling Communist Party, which has never released a death toll, fears any commemoration could challenge its hold on power.

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Scandal continues to hurt Brown

BRITAIN A second British cabinet minister announced she was resigning yesterday, undermining Prime Minister Gordon Brown's authority and raising doubts about his political future. Communities Minister Hazel Blears' decision to quit, on the eve of European and local elections in which Brown's Labour Party faces a rout, followed a similar move by Britain's first female interior minister and pre-empted a widely expected cabinet reshuffle. Blears and Jacqui Smith are the highest profile casualties of disclosures about outlandish, taxpayer-funded expense claims made by members of parliament at a time when recession is forcing hundreds of thousands out of work. Hard-hit by the scandal, Labour trails the opposition Conservatives by up to 20 points with a parliamentary election due by mid-2010.

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Mock hanging has authorities seeing red

AUSTRALIA A student who fell with a noose around his neck during a mock hanging that was arranged by teachers has enraged Australian authorities.

The high school student fell from a table while fellow students, under the supervision of a teacher, were photographing a staged hanging as part of an English class project.

"It beggars belief that such an incident could take place," Queensland state Education Minister Geoff Wilson told local radio yesterday.

"I'm a parent. The last thing I've ever wanted any of my children to do is put a rope around their neck,"

"It beggars belief that such an incident could take place."

State Education Minister Geoff Wilson

Wilson said. Students and teachers rushed to the boy and cut the rope when he fell, although local newspapers said the boy turned blue before he was freed.

The student was allowed to go home with his mother after being examined by paramedics, while authorities launched an investigation into how the incident occurred.

REUTERS

Police go unpunished: UN

Police officers responsible for the death of more than 1,000 people following Kenya's December 2007 elections "remain immune from prosecution 18 months later," a United Nations human rights envoy said yesterday.

Philip Alston, UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, said police shootings also remain unrecorded and unaccounted for, and human rights defenders are being "systematically harassed and intimidated."

"For all its strengths, Kenya has a major problem of extrajudicial executions and it is one which has not yet been adequately acknowledged and ad-

Damning report

In a February report, Philip Alston backed accusations that Kenyan security forces killed 500 suspected members of the outlawed Mungiki crime gang, 400 political demonstrators during a post-election crisis last year, and 200 suspected rebels.

dressed," the Australian law professor told the 47-member UN Human Rights Council.

Dozens of Kenyan human rights activists went into hiding or exile after receiving death threats for having collaborated with Alston on his damning February report about arbi-

trary police killings in the country.

Nairobi's delegation to the 47-member UN body said major efforts were underway to improve oversight of the Kenyan police.

"The Kenyan government does not condone extra-judicial killings, and there is no government policy sanctioning such a violation of the law," its representative said.

President Mwai Kibaki was criticized for keeping silent on the Alston report when it was first released. A spokesman for the Kenyan police told Reuters earlier this year that no innocent citizen was being pursued but the Mungiki posed a deadly threat that would not be tolerated.

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News in brief

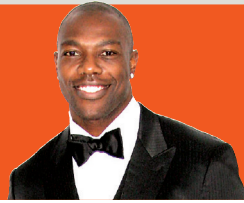
KASHMIR At least 35 people were injured after police and demonstrators clashed in Indian Kashmir for the fifth day yesterday in protests over the rape and murder of two Muslim women, hospitals and witnesses said. Police fired tear gas shells and used batons to disperse angry residents who burnt the effigy of the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir. Shops, businesses and schools were shut across the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley in response to a strike call by separatists to protest the deaths. Near daily street protests are giving new life to a separatist movement in the disputed Himalayan region. Residents said the two women, aged 17 and 22, were abducted, raped and killed by security forces on Friday south of Srinagar, Kashmir's summer capital.

REUTERS

Vancouver Olympic organizers have signed a deal to offset carbon emissions from the 2010 Winter Games. B.C.-based Offsetters will invest in technology such as hydrogen fuel cells to offset 110,000 tonnes of carbon emissions. But the \$5-million deal doesn't include an estimated 190,000 tonnes of "indirect" emissions generated by the Games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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T.O.'s house-hunting woes

New Buffalo Bill wide receiver Terrel Owens, left, has apparently run into a snag looking for a place to stay in Buffalo. Tuesday night, Owens posted a message through Twitter.com that he's "tripping about residents" that won't rent an Orchard Park, N.Y., house to him because they "(don't) want any drama (in) their neighborhood!! LOL!!! Wow!!!" Real estate agent Bob Wozniak reportedly disputed Owens' complaint. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Detroit Red Wings Pavel Datsyuk stretches during the team's practice yesterday for tonight's Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final. Datsyuk hasn't played since injuring his foot in the Western Conference final.

Wings hope for a healthy Datsyuk

(Detroit leads series 2-1)

Detroit at Pittsburgh



Detroit Red Wings centre Pavel Datsyuk, a finalist for the Hart trophy as NHL MVP, could be fit to play in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup finals, the defending champions said yesterday.

Datsyuk, who has not played since injuring his foot blocking a shot during the Western Conference final against the Chicago Blackhawks, said he felt good and was keen to get into the lineup against the Pittsburgh Penguins tonight.

Detroit coach Mike Babcock said the team would wait until after this morning's skate before making a final decision.

"What we'll do is we'll go for the optional skate in the morning and see how he responded today and see how he felt," Babcock told reporters. "He's a Hart Trophy candidate. He's one of the best players in the world."

"Obviously, we'd like to have him. But it's one of those injuries. I thought we needed him the day we lost him against Chicago and I think we've needed him every game since."

"But guys have stepped up, done a real good job and given us an opportunity."

"Just like last night, they gave us a good opportunity and we weren't able to finish."

Detroit leads the best-of-seven final 2-1, but appeared to lack energy late in Tuesday's 4-2 Game 3 defeat.

Datsyuk's return would lift some of the burden off Henrik Zetterberg, who has been logging heavy minutes checking Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby. **REUTERS**

All for naught without NBA championship, Kobe says

BASKETBALL Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant has enjoyed one of the most rewarding seasons of his career, but he says that would count for nothing if his team fails to win the NBA Finals against the Orlando Magic.

The best-of-seven series starts tonight with Game 1 at Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles with the Western

Conference champion Lakers installed as favourites. "It's been a helluva year, winning a gold medal and making it to the finals last year," Bryant told reporters after the Lakers completed a practice session at Staples Center. "We didn't win, but we gained valuable experience."

The Lakers were beaten by the Boston Celtics in last year's finals, two months before Bryant and his U.S. teammates won Olympic gold in Beijing with an 118-107 victory over world champions Spain.

"Being on that Olympic team, building the friendships we

NBA Final Preview

Orlando at L.A. Lakers



built there, coming back to this season and having the season that we've had to this point, it's been very rewarding."

Asked if all that would go to waste if the upstart Magic upset the Lakers in the NBA's season finale, Bryant replied: "In my eyes, yes."

"This is what I play for all summer. All I thought about was the Olympics and the gold medal. We were able to accomplish that. My next goal is winning the NBA championship and we don't want to fall short of that."

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Atlanta trades for Gold Glover McLouth

BASEBALL The Atlanta Braves made a couple of stirring moves yesterday, first releasing 305-game winner Tom Glavine,

only a day after he pitched six scoreless innings in a rehab start, and acquiring centre-fielder Nate McLouth from the Pittsburgh Pirates

for three prospects.

Glavine had elbow and shoulder surgery last year and had not pitched at all in 2009, suffering a setback earlier this season during a rehab assignment.

The players traded for McLouth were pitchers Charlie Morton and Jeff Locke and outfielder Gorkys Hernandez.

McLouth is batting .256 with nine homers and 34 RBIs in 45 games this season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Janssen, Blue Jays thumped by Angels

BASEBALL Jered Weaver struck out a career-high 10 batters in seven strong innings, Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer and drove in four as the Angels cruised to an 8-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Weaver (5-2) surrendered only one run on three hits and walked two in his start for Los Angeles, which lost the opener of this three-game series on Tuesday after Toronto's Roy Halladay struck out a career-high 14 in a complete game effort.

Casey Janssen (1-2) took the loss after giving up five runs on seven hits in four innings. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Serena out as French Open upsets continue

TENNIS A new name will be engraved on the French Open women's trophy after a courageous Svetlana Kuznetsova exacted sweet revenge on Serena Williams to reach the last four.

Williams had been the last former champion left standing at Roland Garros and Kuznetsova, who rolled her ankle in the second set, handed the American second seed a 7-6, 5-7, 7-5 defeat yesterday.

The Russian world No. 7 will face doubles specialist Samantha Stosur after the Australian expelled Romanian high school

student Sorana Cirstea with a 6-1, 6-3 victory to reach her first major semifinal.

The other semi will be contested between world No. 1 Dinara Safina and Slovak 20th seed Dominika Cibulkova.

"In the third I had an opportunity and I got really tight, and I pretty much gave it to her," said Williams, the 2002 champion, who had a 5-1 record over Kuznetsova going into the match.

"It was like, 'Here, do you want to go to the semis? Because I don't. She was like, 'OK.'" **REUTERS**



Serena Williams follows through on a shot during her 7-6, 5-7, 7-5 quarter-final loss to Svetlana Kuznetsova yesterday at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris.

Sports in brief

NHL The Colorado Avalanche began their rebuilding process in a major way yesterday, firing head coach Tony Granato and naming Greg Sherman general manager. The NHL club sacked Granato and five other members of the hockey operations staff after the team posted its worst record since moving to Denver from Quebec in 1995.

SOCCER FIFA released its latest world rankings yesterday and Canada's men's national team climbed six places to No. 83 after its 1-0 win over Cyprus. European champion Spain celebrated a year at No. 1 while the Netherlands climbed to second.

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Knowing the best soil for your need is imperative in gardening.

The lowdown on dirt

With so many options, where is a new gardener to start?

Black earth, top soil, lawn soil, potting soil ... They all basically look the same, so does it really make a difference which one you use?

"Selecting the right soil is your first step to gardening success," says Syd Pell, Scotts Canada growing media specialist. "Soils are actually made up of several different ingredients, blended for a specific gardening use. These ingredients may include topsoil, sand, manure, sphagnum peat moss, humus, compost, perlite and bark. The mix ratio determines how well the soil will support the specific requirements of each plant type, such as nutrients, root support, drainage and moisture retention."

Here's a guide to some of the most popular soil types.

- **Lawn Soil** is specifically blended to support over-seeding and the growth of healthy grass. It is a blend of sphagnum peat moss, compost and manure. These ingredients increase porosity, allowing more water and nutrients to reach the roots.

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- **Topsoil and Black Earth** work as a base for gardens

and lawns and for filling in holes and leveling lawns. Typically low in nutrients, they should be amended with other more nutrient rich products. Premium topsoils, such as Scotts Pro Blends Top Soil add compost and sphagnum peat moss for improved nutrients and drainage.

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Attracting nice birds easier than you think

For many gardeners, having songbirds visit is one of the benefits of having a garden in the first place. It's always a delight to see the variety of birds that drop by for a nibble or a rest. If you want a bird-friendly garden, it's important to attract them with natural sources of food as well as bird feeders.

Birds have simple needs: Food, water, shelter, and protection from predators. Naturally, native birds thrive on native plants, so choose a selection of regional beauties that produce seeds, berries, or nectar. Work dead trees or old stumps into your landscape to attract insect-eaters and provide shelter. The more diverse your food supply is, the greater the variety of birds you'll see. Also, you can help birds out by placing bird feeders in your yard, filling them with a high-quality seed that is balanced in nutrition, like Scotts or Morning Song Wild Bird Food. The type of food you feed attracts different kinds of birds. Smaller seeds like thistle seed attract bright yellow gold finches.

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The more diverse your food supply, the more variety of birds you'll see in your garden.

cause all you do is hang it in the tree and within days you can have several birds feeding from it — it is easy and convenient. You do not even need a feeder for it," says Syd Pell, who heads up the bird food division at Scotts Canada. Larger birds like to perch on feeders and eat mixes of seed, with sunflower seeds as an all-time favourite. "A mixed food will provide a good ratio of nutrients for the birds. We worked with the Toronto Zoo to develop the right mix of seeds to meet the nutritional needs of birds," Pell explains.

In addition to putting out

feeders, you can also grow plants that bloom and produce fruit, seeds or nuts — attracting even more birds. When possible, use plants that are native to your area. Many perennials, grasses, vines, shrubs and trees provide food for birds.

- Black-Eyed Susan (seeds)
- Common Evening Primrose (seeds)
- Coneflower (seeds)
- Fireweed (nectar)
- Phlox (nectar)
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Food

As many greens grow in sandy soil, cleaning in several changes of water is often necessary to remove all the grit. Pull off the stems, breaking them off at the leaf.

BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA



Spin it
Rinse in several changes of water and spin dry in a salad spinner.

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Grazing through the greens

Some of the first greens of spring are showing up at your local market

À la carte

Barb Holland

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A variety of greens are one of the first crops at the market: Lettuces, spinach, arugula and watercress. These tender greens tend to be delicate and supple in texture and provide variety, flavour and texture to salads.

More mature greens, dandelion, mustard, chard, kale and the like, will come along in a few weeks and they generally need cooking. Mature greens tend to have large, tough leaves. If you break off a piece and chew it, it will be leathery.

Some mature greens, such as dandelion and mustard, will be unpleasantly bitter even if they are not especially tough. Mature greens should be blanched by steaming or

boiling briefly in water before cooking them.

Simple Spring Salad with Maple Glazed Nuts

Look for locally grown arugula and watercress for a peppery punch. The sweetness of the maple-glazed pecans contrasts nicely with the bitterness of some greens and the sharpness of Asiago cheese. Asiago is a good grating cheese, so buy a piece and use a cheese shaver for attractive pieces. Makes four servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cups (1.5 L) mixed lettuce greens
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) pecan halves
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) maple syrup
- 1 tsp (5 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra-vir-

- gin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- Pinch pepper
- 1 oz (30 g) Asiago cheese,

shaved

METHOD:

Wash greens and spin dry.

Wrap in clean tea towel in plastic bag, or store greens in salad spinner in refrigerator until needed.



Check your market for some local spring produce — there are countless ways to dress a salad.

Place pecans in large dry skillet over medium heat. Stir a few minutes until fragrant. Stir maple syrup into nuts and cook a few minutes or until well coated and syrup is absorbed into nuts. Transfer to parchment-lined plate to cool. Before serving, break any pecans apart that stick together.

For dressing, whisk together vinegar, oil, salt and pepper, cover and refrigerate until serving.

To serve, re-whisk and toss greens with dressing. Arrange on plates and top each salad with pecans and shaved cheese.

TIPS:

- Dark green cruciferous vegetables, such as arugula, kale, collards, kohlrabi, mustard greens and watercress are members of the Brassica family and are packed with folate, vitamins E and C, potassium, calcium and iron.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Merlin's mixing tips for the perfect party cocktail

Merlin Griffiths, master mixologist and Bombay Sapphire Gin global brand ambassador, has travelled the world perfecting his craft and educating consumers and professional bartenders alike on the

art of mixology. He offers the following tips to take your cocktails from good to great.

- Don't be afraid to keep it simple — using too many flavours will confuse your

taste buds. As a general rule, never use more than four ingredients in a cocktail.

- Don't forget ice — and plenty of it. Remove the ice from the freezer five minutes before use to avoid the ice from being too cold which will make it become brittle and sticky.
- Citrus twists will stay intact in ice water.
- Zests and sliced citrus fruits need storing in an airtight container in a cool place.
- Whole tropical fruits, like pineapple, are best stored at room temperature.
- Soft fruits and berries slice easier when cold.
- Keep all prepared garnishes chilled in airtight containers until needed.
- Remove from the fridge in portions to keep fruit fresh all evening.
- To ensure a complete bar kit, add the following tools



Merline Griffiths, Bombay Sapphire global brand ambassador, demonstrates his mixing techniques at an event in Canada.

to your barware: A sharp fruit knife and cutting board, cocktail measure (shot glass/jigger) and a long handled spoon. Nice extras include a citrus press/juicer, slim rolling pin or "muddler" for crushing fruit and a medium tea strainer for straining fruit pulp.

shaking. Although it does the job, most professional bartenders prefer the two-piece version — called the Boston shaker. It includes a glass which allows you to see the ingredients and quantities and a metal tin to give more space to shake the ingredients.

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LiquidAssets**Peter Rockwell**metronews.ca/liquidassets**Join the club**

Looking for a challenge this summer? (And I'm not talking about keeping up with the yard work.) How does grape collecting sound?

Thanks to Steve De Long all you have to do is download his mega list of varietals, check off at least 100 that you've tasted and you can become a member of The Wine Century Club.

Only 590 people (including yours truly) have had the juice of the required number of grapes (and you can count blends) in their mouths. De Long says that he only hears from about three per cent of all the eager imbibers who get his list. He sends those that make the grade a snazzy certificate for their efforts.

If you're looking to get started, try these two back deck whites perfect for warm weather sipping and made with some unique pieces of fruit. **Ironstone Vineyard's 2006 Obsession (\$14.95 - \$16.99)** is a Californian that gets its soft, tropical personality from the Symphony grape.

Sogrape's Gazela Vno Verde (\$8.95 - \$10.92) from Portugal is a non-vintage blend of Loureiro, Pedernã, Trajadura and Azal that's light in alcohol (only nine per cent) with a zingy, lean, green, lime-infused flavour.

Join the club at winecentury.com.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Great ways to start a fig conversation

People have been eating figs since 5,000 BC — and for good reason!

Figs were eaten by Greek and Roman athletes to increase their stamina and improve their performance, have the highest overall mineral content of all common fruits, and provide the same amount

of calcium as milk.

Here are some more fun facts on figs:

- Figs are an excellent source of dietary fiber, providing five grams of fiber per serving.
- As a token of honour, figs were used as a training food by the early Olympic

athletes, and figs were also presented as laurels to the winners as the first Olympic "medal."

- Figs are actually an inverted flower.
- A half-cup of figs has the same amount of calcium as a half-cup of milk.
- The fig tree is the symbol of abundance, fertility, and

sweetness.

- Figs were actually the fruit in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, not apples.
- In ancient Greece black figs for men and white figs for women were worn around the neck during a ceremony of purification.

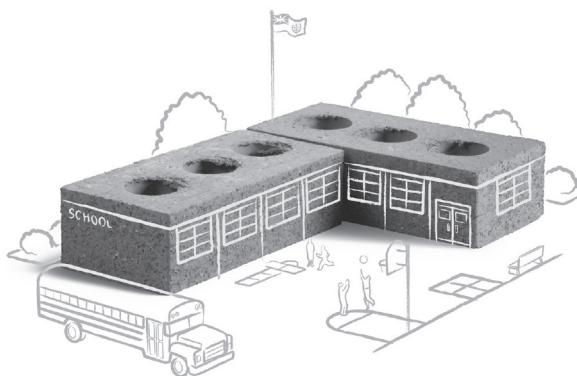
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Style

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A free spirit ride

Jessica Biel is more than just Justin's girlfriend!

By ANNE BRODIE
Contributing Writer

In her latest film, *Easy Virtue*, Jessica Biel plays Larita, a feisty American divorcee who is seen as a "gold digger from the land of opportunists." While her co-stars in this frothy British period piece didn't see her in that light, the 27-year-old American actress says that she could relate to her character's struggle to blend in with a well-heeled, upper-crust world. "I felt like a fish

out of water, but it was so helpful," says Biel, who enjoyed a middle-class upbringing in Boulder, Colo. "We just kind of exploited that. Anytime I was feeling uncomfortable, the director rolled the cameras!"

The film, which opens this month, is set in the late 1920s and based on a social comedy by Noel Coward that pokes fun at snooty English high society and, at a deeper social level, exposes how American entrepreneurial zeal was overshadowing Britain's imperialism.

Larita, who is a race-car driver, represents the brave new world crashing into the old when she marries British

aristocrat John Whittaker (Ben Barnes). When the pair arrive at the Whittaker family pile, John's father (Colin Firth) is charmed by Larita's spirited ways, but his mother (Kristin Scott Thomas) is horrified.

For Biel, starring in *Easy Virtue* was a career-enhancing move. "It was exactly what I was looking for, something I could throw myself into where everyone is expecting me to fail," Biel told the British press. "I knew I could do it. That's the joy of this business: shaking it up — surprising myself, surprising everybody else — otherwise, people just put you in a box."

Editors' Pick

STARLET STYLE



Nicole Richie's resumé may be peripatetic — reality-TV star, novelist, wild child, mother — but her sense of personal style is unswerving. No surprise, then, that Richie launched a jewellery line, House of Harlow 1960, this spring that will expand to include clothing accessories next year. "I've always loved jewellery, but I didn't know anything about designing," explains Richie. "I was inspired by African and Indian jewellery books; I wanted the pieces to have a vintage but cultured feel." Does Richie, a mainstay on the best-dressed list, have any fashion advice? "Always wear a ton of jewellery at once," she says firmly. "I designed all the pieces so that they can be layered" (at Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com).

NEUTRAL TERRITORY

Take your summer inspiration from the Hermès runway, which showed a pared-down beauty look, with a focus on great skin. The trick is to choose makeup shades that match your skin tone. Start with concealer to hide imperfections, but use as little as possible to let your skin show through. Get a warm glow with a sweep of sheer bronzer or tawny blush. Try brown mascara for a softer look, and finish with a sophisticated nude lip.

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Avedon: Fashion 1944-2000

PHOTO FINISH

Richard Avedon's humanity is the most striking feature of *Avedon: Fashion 1944-2000*, with essays by Carol Squiers, Vince Aletti and Philippe Garner. Instead of shooting models as if they were inanimate props draped with clothing, Avedon was the first photographer to capture them as living, breathing individuals with attitudes and emotions.

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Bond on a stick

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Entertainment

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A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Phoenix delivers dance-rock gem

Dave Matthews honours late sax player

Phoenix

Album: Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix
Label: Glass Note
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

PHOENIX HAS DONE IT.

The break-downs, rock-instruments-as-rhythm-machines and synthesizer vocals of the band's past albums have meshed into a near-perfect expression of dance-rock. Singer Thomas Mars uses words like piano keys, seemingly chosen for cadence and rhythm over meaning (maybe one reason the Frenchman sings in English). Stitched deep into a bed of warm, rolling percussion and analog bass, they mimic the arrangements of the band's French house pedigree. Influences from Daft Punk (and former bandmate) Thomas Bangalter and Philippe Zdar from Cassius (who produced the album) also pop up in the funky bassline in *Fences* and the sparkling builds of *Love Like a Sunset*, Parts I and II. I challenge anyone to listen to *Lisztomania* and 1901 back-to-back and not start head-nodding. Heck, I'm doing it on an airplane right now.

Rob McMahony/for Metro Canada

Vanessa Williams

Album: The Real Thing
Label: Concord/Universal
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

AMERICA'S FAVOURITE BEAUTY

queen gracefully enters middle age by caressing the candlelight-and-wine set. Vanessa Williams' fans fall into three categories — the ones who remember the *Penthouse* pictures and her fall from grace 25

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years ago as the first black Miss America, the ones who remember her stunning comeback as an urban R&B singer and the ones who now know her as Wilhelmina on TV's *Ugly Betty*. This album is for the oldsters who still keep her centrefold tucked under their mattress. It's filled with sultry renditions of '60s and '70s jazz, pop and Latin standards. Backed by lush orchestration, Williams' voice handles the material surprisingly well. The *Real Thing* bubbles over with class.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Dave Matthews Band

Album: Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

THE

GROOGRUX KING is the nickname of Dave Matthews Band sax virtuoso LeRoi Moore who died last year in a tragic ATV accident on his Virginia farm. Luckily, Moore's presence his strongly preserved throughout this dynamic album that will serve to keep the Dave Matthews Band at the forefront of innovative American rock for years to come. It's steeped in the Mardi Gras tradition of New Orleans while providing a showcase for DMB's multiple instrumental talents. There is an urgency to the vocals of Matthews and the playing of Stefan Lessard (bass), Carter Beauford (drums) and Boyd Tinsley (violin) that may have been lacking on previous DMB studio efforts. This is a band that can still turn on a dime as well, or better, than any in the business.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

**Elvis Costello**

Album: Secret, Profane & Sugarcane
Label: Hear/Universal
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

RECORDING

AN ALBUM in three days should be a recipe for disaster, but not when the cook is Elvis Costello. Here, the legendary guitarist teams up with T Bone Burnett to create a barn-burning acoustic set of Americana complete with copious amounts of slide guitar and banjo picking. While there are some great tunes — Sulpher to Sugarcane is one — with tracks from his Hans Christian Anderson opera, a Bing Crosby cover and a new version of *Complicated Shadows*, it is a bit all over the place. While it's not his most focused work, it's still one that Costello fans will enjoy.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

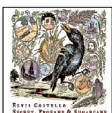
Eels

Album: Hombre Lobo: 12 Songs of Desire
Label: Vagrant/Universal
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

DESPITE

WHAT SOME grunge-loving '90s fans might think, the Eels didn't disappear after Novocain for The Soul, an MTV hit 13 years ago. The group's ninth record (they've released fairly solid albums every year or two) follows a half wolf, half man character first introduced to fans on 2001's *Dog Face Boy*. Now, the boy is an adult, dealing with things like loneliness, love and heartache — all emotive stuff wrapped in the band's swaggering alt-rock sheen. The disc is full of both loud, infectious tunes and soft, introspective numbers, making *Hombre Lobo* an eclectic, and catchy listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada



French band Phoenix has created a near-perfect expression of dance-rock on its latest album.

Justin Hines

Album: Chasing Silver
Label: Orange/Universal
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

JUSTIN HINES

IS the little guy from Newmarket, Ont., with the big voice now being featured on the Ontario tourism commercial.



(Why don't those ads ever tell you who the artist is?) *Chasing Silver* is a collection of wonderfully crafted folk songs that reach back into the early '70s era of the singer-songwriter. The 11 original tracks here are filled with musical references to James Taylor, Jim Croce and Carole King. There are times on this album, especially on tracks like *While*

You Are Out There, when Hines' voice is eerily reminiscent of Cat Stevens, circa *Tea For The Tillerman*. That kind of charming folk music has been gaining a new audience from young, retro-mining fans. And there's nothing wrong with that. Hines' outstanding cover of Peter Dinklage's *Salisbury Hill* will draw a lot of new fans to his music.

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Megan Fox doesn't mind that she's viewed as a sex symbol. "I think it's wonderful. I didn't decide I'm gonna be an actress cause I wanna be respected for how I play chess," she tells Entertainment Tonight. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Yes, I'm a Fox

Vardalos rebounds in Ruins

Writer and actress 'lost my mojo for a while'

Nia Vardalos couldn't resist adding a shout-out to her fellow Canadians in her new movie, *My Life in Ruins*.

"Once a Canadian, always a Canadian," quipped the Winnipeg-born writer-actress, whose 2002 debut *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* came out of nowhere to earn more than \$241 mil-

lion US.

In the romcom *My Life in Ruins*, Vardalos plays a Greek-American college prof who retreats to Athens to work as a tour guide to find her lost kefi — Greek for mojo.

Over the phone from her Los Angeles home, Vardalos says one exchange she penned for the movie was inspired by a scenario she faced a lot when she first moved to California: Americans consider Canada to be the 51st state, something that's guaranteed to rile any True North resident.

Ever a polite Canuck, the

46-year-old refused to take a screenwriting credit on *My Life in Ruins*.

"I asked permission from the writer (The Simpsons Movie's Mike Reiss) to add the Canadian stuff, but I didn't want a credit. That's gross," says Vardalos, sounding appalled at the mere suggestion.

Such is the down-to-earth style that made moviegoers fall for Vardalos's autobiographical tale of her wedding to a non-Greek. (She and spouse Ian Gomez wed in 1993.)

Vardalos was on top of the world when *Greek Wedding* hit it big, the cul-

mination of a Hollywood fairy tale that began with actor-spouses Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson investing in the project, which was based on a stage show written by Vardalos. Nominations for an Oscar and a Golden Globe followed.

(Hanks and Wilson are back on board for *My Life in Ruins*. Wilson also has a small role.)

Things then got bumpy for Vardalos. A 2003 TV show based on the movie lasted only a handful of episodes. Connie and Carla, a Vardalos penned *Some Like It Hot*-style gals-on-the-run flick, co-starring Toni Collette, did mediocre box office and got lukewarm reviews.

Vardalos all but disappeared.

"I lost my mojo for a while, yeah," she says. "I was very clear. I chose to step back and grieve a personal situation of being at the end of a 10-year fertility battle."

Vardalos talks quickly and pointedly; she's clearly made the speech to reporters before. The message comes through clearly: she'll offer a bit of information, nothing more.

"It was happening to me at 32. All during the success of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, it was this."

She politely refuses to say if she and Gomez tried in vitro fertilization or fertility drugs.

Last year they did start a family, when the couple adopted a three-year-old



Nia Vardalos in a scene from *My Life in Ruins*.

daughter. Although Vardalos won't allow the child to be photographed or her name made public, "I do understand all this happened to me so that I could use my big mouth to talk about foster adoption," she quips.

The other big change in Vardalos's life is her svelte figure. Two years ago, she changed her way of eating, shedding about 30 pounds from her Greek Wedding days.

"I was having dizzy spells and diabetes runs in my family. My doctor gave me a very stern warning: hire a trainer and a nutritionist. I started writing

down everything I ate."

Ditching cheese, a new walking routine and sticking to a Mediterranean diet helped her shed the pounds. "I did many things," she says. "And I felt a glow come back."

Now a healthy size four to 10 "depending on the designer," Vardalos says her blood sugar is under control and she feels great. She laughs at any thoughts of being seen as a glamorous star, despite rocking the red carpet when *My Life in Ruins* closed the Tribeca Film Festival last month.

"Please make it clear it takes three people three hours to make me look like that," she says with a giggle. "Three people with curling irons wearing hazmat suits and using a floor buffer on my face."

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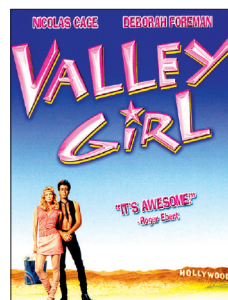
My Life in Ruins hits theatres tomorrow

It's, like, totally time for a musical Valley Girl

FILM *Valley Girl*, the 1983 cult comedy, is being reimaged as a musical feature, and Broadway director Jason Moore has signed to helm the movie.

The original film starred Nicolas Cage and Deborah Foreman in a romance that bridged the '80s punk scene and suburban San Fernando Valley culture. Martha Coolidge directed, from a script by Wayne Crawford and Andrew Lane.

Amy Talkington's updated screenplay for the MGM project revamps the story as a Romeo and Juliet-inspired musical built around the first movie's New Wave soundtrack (think Modern English, Sparks and the Psychedelic Furs).



The original *Valley Girl* film, made in 1983, starred Nicolas Cage and Deborah Foreman.

The '80s archeology is part of MGM's strategy to repackage classic catalogue titles for new audiences in novel ways.

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Paul Haggis helms thriller remake

FILM Writer-director Paul Haggis and Lionsgate are reuniting on *The Next Three Days*, a thriller adapted from the French movie *Pour Elle*.

Lionsgate acquired the remake rights to the original, written and directed last year by Fred Cavaye, from Wild Bunch and Fidélité Films.

It starred Diane Kruger and Vincent Lindon as a married couple who face a harrowing situation when the wife is imprisoned for murder.

"I'm looking forward to exploring the depths of faith and the limits of love," said Haggis, who will write, direct and co-produce. Lionsgate distributed Haggis' *Crash* in 2005; the film went on to win Oscars for best picture and original screenplay.

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Daniel Baldwin replacing celeb couple

Daniel Baldwin is jetting to the jungles of Costa Rica to replace newlyweds Heidi and Spencer Pratt on I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Cher sues Universal

Music label accused of 'hiding' album revenues

Cher has sued Universal Music Group, claiming that the label's creative accounting has shortchanged her and the heirs of her late ex-husband, Sonny Bono, to the tune of \$5 million.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, claims an audit of UMG's accounting to the singer-actress from 2000 to 2003 showed that UMG executives "engaged in wrongful tactics" designed to hide revenue from two hit compilation albums.

The five-count, 22-page complaint claims breach of two recording contracts Cher had with UMG predecessors, one with MCA division Kapp Records in 1972 and a 1987 deal with the David Geffen Company. Cher claims that those deals entitled her — and, in the case of the 1972 deal, Bono — to receive up to 50 per cent of net royalties received by UMG.

The complaint alleges



Cher, seen here performing at a recent concert, claims that Universal Music Group has shortchanged her of royalties.

that UMG later made a deal with Warner Music U.K. to distribute a 1999 compilation called Cher The Greatest Hits, then funneled the money through UMG's in-

ternational arm to conceal the amount of royalties owed to Cher and the Bono heirs.

"Instead of reporting to and paying plaintiffs their

Hitmakers

• Cher and Bono came to prominence in 1965 when their single I Got You, Babe hit No. 1 on the Billboard chart, and she has since become the only female recording artist to have a Top 10 hit in each of the past five decades.

share of the revenues generated by Warner U.K., UMG Recordings, in an egregious example of self-dealing, apparently inserted Universal International as a middleman in the transaction ... for the sole purpose of diverting money that rightfully belonged to plaintiffs to Universal International," the complaint says.

"The claims are meritorious, and we are confident that we will prevail in court," said UMG spokesperson Peter Lofrumento.

Cher also challenges accounting on a second compilation, 2002's The Very Best of Cher.

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Nicholson eyes role in rom-com

CASTING Jack Nicholson is considering reuniting with James L. Brooks, the filmmaker who directed him in Oscar-winning performances in Terms of Endearment and As Good as It Gets.

Nicholson is in talks to join the cast of Brooks' latest project, an untitled ro-

mantic comedy that stars Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd and Owen Wilson.

Written by Brooks, the story involves a professional softball player who's torn between two men, a solid guy and a charming pitcher with a 94-mile-an-hour fastball.

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Hirsch takes on modern Hamlet

FILM Emile Hirsch will play Hamlet in a modern take on the Bard's play that the actor helped to conceive. Twilight and Thirteen director Catherine Hardwicke, who worked with Hirsch on Lords of Dogtown, will helm the project for Liberty Media-owned studio Overture Films.

Jesse James sets Spike TV record

SHOW Jesse James' new stunt series is alive and kicking on Spike TV, with a premiere episode that set new ratings records for the cable network. Jesse James Is a Dead Man debuted Sunday night at 10 p.m. and drew two million viewers — including 900,000 among the network's target demographic of men 18-49.

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Jamie's Ministry of Food

Chef Jamie Oliver returns to what some might call the scene of the crime in this new series. His efforts to improve the school food in the English town of Rotherham weren't received well; however, he's trying again with a campaign to get the people of Rotherham — whose takeout consumption is among England's highest — hooked on cooking. It won't be easy, but getting people to eat better is something Jamie is passionate about, so he's giving it all he's got. 9 PM on 95 FN



Masterworks

He lived only 26 years and released only three albums, but the music of British folk-pop singer-songwriter Nick Drake, who died in 1974, has been attracting new attention in recent years, thanks in part to its use in a car commercial and the soundtrack of the film "Garden State." The documentary "A Skin Too Few: The Days of Nick Drake" revisits his life and work via interviews with his sister, actress Gabrielle Drake, and others. 10 PM on 2 TVO



Madonna has reportedly been shelling out big bucks to help 22-year-old Brazilian model Jesus Luz learn a new skill. According to the Sun, the singer has spent more than \$50,000 US on DJ equipment and lessons for her alleged boyfriend. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Jesus has a new hobby

Celebrity Buzz

This hasn't been Eminem's week

CAN'T CATCH A BREAK It's been a rough week for Eminem. First he was the butt of Sacha Baron Cohen's joke at the MTV Movie Awards, then the next night he had thousands of dollars worth of items stolen from his L.A. hotel room, including a \$60,000 US diamond necklace and his personal laptop, according to Gatecrasher.

So it's no wonder that at a charity event on Monday, the rapper wasn't exactly up to form. "People were pumped to see him, but he wasn't interacting with his fans. His performance was mechanical, without a lot of personality, and people were pretty disappointed," a source said.



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Melissa muses: Farrah's death or me on the cover?

SO INSENSITIVE Melissa Joan Hart, who graces this week's People magazine cover to show off her recent weight loss, allegedly wasn't so graceful when talking with friends backstage at a recent KTLA interview. Hart was reportedly heard saying she hoped Farrah Fawcett wouldn't lose her battle to cancer that week, as it would surely bump

Hart off the cover, according to Page Six.

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Townies have no love for Kate

BAD FIRST IMPRESSIONS According to several fellow vacationers, Kate Gosselin didn't pay her eight kids much attention on their getaway to Bald Head Island, N.C., when the camera crew wasn't around — even though she pulled twin daughters Madelyn and Cara, 8, out of school for the trip, *us* magazine.com reports.

Between texting on her phone and allegedly huddling with her bodyguard Steve Neild (with whom husband Jon once feared

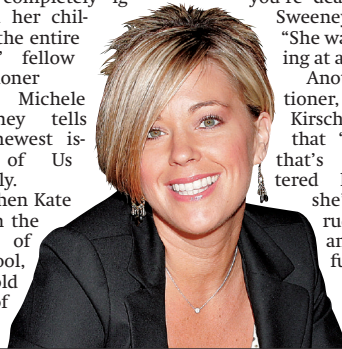
she was having an affair), "she completely ignored her children the entire time," fellow vacationer Ann Michele Sweeney tells the newest issue of *Us Weekly*.

"When Kate sat on the edge of the pool, she told one of (the

twins), 'If you splash me, you're dead meat,'" Sweeney said. "She was not joking at all."

Another vacationer, Kim Kirsch, tells *Us* that "Everyone that's encountered her says she's been rude, mean and hateful."

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Kate plays A-Rod's Band Aid?

GIRLFRIEND NOT GROUPIE Kate Hudson and Alex Rodriguez were spotted getting cozy last month at a restaurant in New York City, and now a source confirms they are dating, *people.com* reports.

"It's somewhat serious," the source tells *People* in its upcoming issue. "He introduced her to a bunch of his friends."

Hudson followed

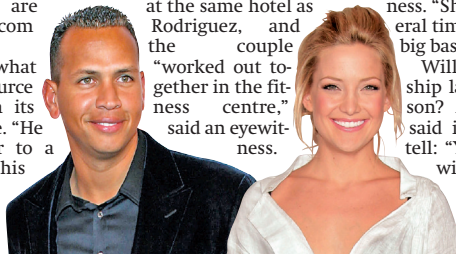
driguez on the road late last month to Dallas, when the Yankees played the Texas Rangers in a three-game series. The actress and son Ryder, 5, stayed at the same hotel as Rodriguez, and the couple

"worked out together in the fitness centre," said an eyewitness.

For one of the games, she sent Ryder and his nanny to the ballpark while she "stayed behind and watched the game from the hotel," adds the eyewitness. "She remarked several times about what a big baseball fan she is."

Will their relationship last past the season? Another source said it's too early to tell: "You never know with Kate."

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Vanessa drops wedding hint

NO SUBTLETY Memo to Nick Lachey: Vanessa Minnillo has marriage on the mind — and hand, *people.com* reports.

Pointing to a five-carat ring on her middle finger, Minnillo, 28, told Las Vegas columnist Robin Leach, "It will be 10 carats when it moves to the fourth finger!"

Leach says it was tongue-in-cheek, but in the brief interview, Minnillo mentions marriage three times.

Noting that Lachey, 35, couldn't make it to Vegas with her because he of

friend's birthday, she pouted, "So once again it looks as if I'm always the bridesmaid but never the bride."

Not that there's a problem, she quickly adds. "This romance is still going strong," she said. "There will always be rumblings and rumours that we've broken up, but in fact, it's very much still on — and it keeps on getting better." So much so, she says, that "maybe this will be the one time I wind up the bride instead of the bridesmaid."

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Jennie's heart problems

HEALTH ISSUES Though afflicted with a heart ailment, Jennie Garth leads a normal life, the actress' husband, Twilight star Peter Facinelli, tells *People*.

"My wife has a leaky valve, which is pretty common. A lot of people have a leaky valve and they don't even know that they have it," Facinelli, 35, said.

"My wife is an advocate for getting your heart checked, because her father had heart disease, so she found out she has a leaky

heart. But there's really nothing you can do for it, so you just leave it alone."

People.com says some reports misconstrued the story by claiming Garth, 37, suffers from heart disease.

Facinelli said. "I don't know how that happened. I was sitting at home with her, and I saw a ticker tape on the news that said, 'Jennie Garth has heart disease.' I said, 'Honey, you didn't tell me.' But no, she's fine. She's fine."

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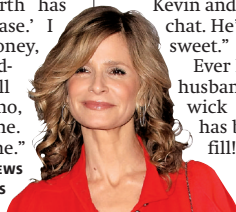
Chace has big shoes to fill: Kyra

SUPPORTIVE WIFE One hot topic in Kyra Sedgwick's family is the casting of her husband Kevin Bacon's signature role of Ren McCormack in the remake of 1984's *Footloose*, *people.com* reports.

"It's that Chace Crawford guy, right?" said Sedgwick. "We met him at the White House Correspondents Dinner. Kevin and he had a chat. He's very sweet."

Ever loyal to her husband, Sedgwick adds, "He has big shoes to fill!"

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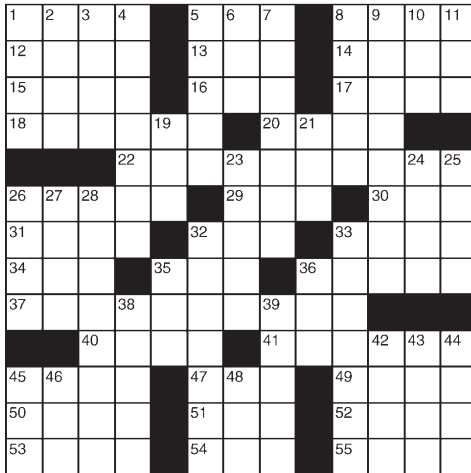
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14 Easter emblem
15 Winged
16 Early bird?
17 Gilligan's home
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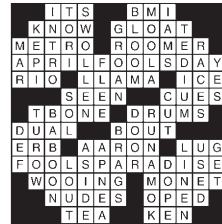
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49 Black-and-white treat
50 Lotion additive
51 Charged bit
52 Sensed
53 Proper bloke
54 Greek consonants
55 Admit, with "up"

Crossword down

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5 Perpendicular to the keel
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7 Sane
8 "Cats" inspirer
9 Typo
10 Ailing
11 Pumpernickel alternative
19 Ph. bk. data
21 DDE predecessor
23 Ex of The Donald
24 Notion

- 25 Hogan's Heroes group
26 Probability
27 Laugh-a-minute
28 Distaste
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33 Casual dismissal
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36 Thickness
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46 Hearty brew
48 Debtor's letters

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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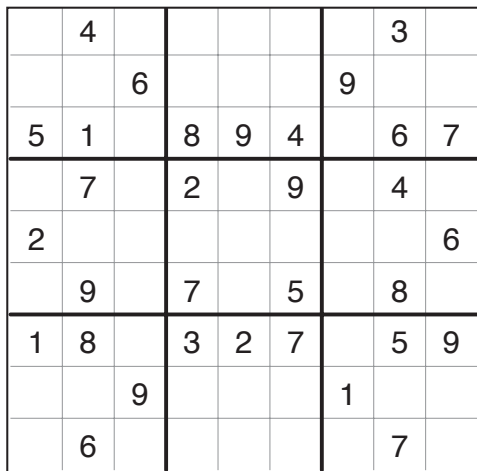
- Under 13 minGenius
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- 17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Tomato and Pecorino Clafoutis

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
1 lb (500 g) cherry tomatoes
4 tbsp (60 ml) snipped fresh chives
3/4 cup (175 ml) coarsely grated sharp pecorino cheese
6 extra large eggs
1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
3 tbsp (45 ml) sour cream
1-1/4 cup (300 ml) 2% milk

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C). Lightly grease 4 shallow ovenproof dishes, each 5 to 6 in. (13 to 15 cm) in diameter. Divide cherry tomatoes among dishes, spreading them out. Sprinkle with chives and all but 1 tbsp (15 ml) of cheese.

2. Break eggs into bowl and whisk. Slowly whisk in flour until smooth. Add sour cream, then gradually whisk in milk for thin, smooth batter. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Pour batter over tomatoes, dividing evenly between dishes. Sprinkle remaining cheese and an extra grinding of pepper over. Bake until set, puffed and lightly golden, 30 to 35 minutes.
4. Remove clafoutis from oven and leave to cool for few minutes before serving, because tomatoes are very hot inside.

SERVES 4



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Today you will be even more forceful and focused on your work than usual, but try to remember not everyone is as driven as you are to succeed.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Be careful what you say and do today; a profitable relationship could end if you go beyond what others consider to be acceptable behaviour.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

It pays to follow your hunches and today you won't hesitate to take advantage of what, to your mind, looks like the opportunity of a lifetime.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

If you are the kind of Scorpio who is impetuous then today you'll likely go way over the top. Chances are you'll get away with it.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't let others order you around, not even if they have something that you want and you think the best way to get it is to be nice to them.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Something shiny and new will catch your eye today and you'll want it no matter how much it might cost, but keep your cash in your pocket.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Your biggest failing at the moment seems to be your impatience, but today you have every reason to move things along as fast as you can.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Bold decisions will come easily to you today, but you won't know for sure if they're good decisions until tomorrow, so make sure you can back out.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

There's no point trying to persuade friends and colleagues that your way of looking at life is the best. Maybe it is, but that won't change them.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

By now it should be obvious you've taken a wrong turn. What are you going to do about it? Ignoring it is not an option.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

The important thing today is to make sure you spell out in plain and simple language what it is you expect of other people.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

You may be having second thoughts about a plan of some kind but there is too much momentum behind it to stop it now.

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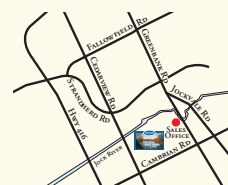


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